

## House Resolution 928

By: Representative Buckner of the 130<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the centennial anniversary of Junction City Baptist Church; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Junction City Baptist Church was founded in a one room school building on  
4 September 16, 1907, and it has served the Lord faithfully for 100 years of devoted worship;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the church began with eleven charter members, attended by the inspired  
7 leadership of Rev. N.C. Underwood and Rev. S.A. McMehan, and the first Sunday school  
8 classes were organized on March 7, 1908, under the supervision of Superintendent S.F. Hart  
9 and Assistant Superintendent David Highsmith; and

10 WHEREAS, the first revival was held on October 10, 1908, with visiting minister Rev. N.C.  
11 Underwood, and Rev. Graham Forrester of Talbotton, Georgia, provided the message of  
12 dedication for the church's first independent building in 1910; and

13 WHEREAS, plans were submitted for an annex to the building under the leadership of Rev.  
14 B.E. Donehoo in 1922, and additions that included a large basement, a kitchen, ten Sunday  
15 school class rooms, and a stage were completed under the leadership of Rev. W.M. Burns  
16 in the fall of 1925; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1903, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Moore offered financial assistance in further  
18 remodeling the church, a project that included the installation of a baptistery, a junior and  
19 senior choir loft, and triple memorial windows between the two entrances; and

20 WHEREAS, during the unfortunate events on the night of June 23, 1956, this church  
21 building was destroyed by fire, ruining most of the church's records and leaving only one  
22 piano, one bench, one black board, two vases, and two communion sets, one dating to a 1918  
23 donation by Rev. Robert Harris; and

1 WHEREAS, the following morning, Mr. C. B. Heath arrived to offer the use of Junction City  
2 Methodist Church for worship services and Sunday school until the congregation of Junction  
3 City Baptist could rebuild their church; and

4 WHEREAS, a building committee was appointed, and through countless thoughtful prayers,  
5 numerous generous donations by friends and neighbors, and a \$5,000 loan from the Citizens  
6 State Bank of Butler, Georgia, another church was built within approximately 13 months;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, as this church celebrates its 100 year history on Sunday, September 16, 2007,  
9 it continues to serve as a shining beacon of God's word in Junction City.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
11 the members of this body recognize Junction City Baptist Church on the momentous  
12 occasion of its centennial anniversary, join in celebrating its 100 years of outstanding service  
13 to the Junction City community and the State of Georgia, and extend to it their sincerest best  
14 wishes for continued growth and prosperity.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Junction City Baptist  
17 Church.